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INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SNM-02 DODE-00 DEAE-00 CIAE-00 INR-10

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, TH, BM, LA

SUBJECT: GUNS FOR NARCOTICS TRADING

REFS: (A) RANGOON 2010, (B) BANGKOK 11351,

(C) VIENTIANE 6078

1. DEPT TRANSMITS FOLLOWING SELF-EXPLANATORY DOD MESSAGE
REGARDING GENERAL PROBLEM OF TRACING, THROUGH THEIR SERIAL
NUMBERS, ORIGIN OF CAPTURED US-MANUFACTURED WEAPONS.

BEGIN TEXT: (A) DOD INFORMS THAT TRACING SERIAL NUMBER
WOULD IMPOSE EXTENSIVE WORKLOAD AT THIS TIME IN SEARCHING
EXISTING, WIDELY DISPERSED RECORDS. FURTHER THERE WOULD BE
NO GUARANTEE THAT DEFINITIVE INFORMATION WOULD BE OBTAINED
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SINCE OTHER AGENCIES OF THE USG PURCHASED AND DISTRIBUTED

M-16S OVER THE YEARS. CHECK OF CURRENT RECORDS FOR THE NUMBER (REF A) WAS MADE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. REF B AND C INDICATE THAT CONTROLS IMPOSED BY RTG AND RLG SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO PERMIT TRACING OF RIFLE TO A PARTICULAR UNIT.

(B) DOD IS IN PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING SYSTEM WHICH WILL PERMIT QUICK RETRIEVAL OF INFORMATION RE M-16S ISSUED TO THE US MILITARY SERVICES BY INDIVIDUAL SERIAL NUMBER IN THE FUTURE. HOWEVER, HISTORICAL DATA WILL NOT BE COMPLETE FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. THIS SYSTEM SHOULD BE IN EFFECT EARLY NEXT SUMMER AND DOD SHOULD BE ABLE TO RESPOND QUICKLY

TO REQUESTS FOR CHECKS OF SERIAL NUMBERS WITHIN LIMITS OF THAT SYSTEM AT THAT TIME. IN GENERAL, CHECKS OF WEAPON SERIAL NUMBERS ARE EXPEDITED IF MANUFACTURERS NAME PROVIDED AS WELL. IT SHOULD BE NOTED M-16S ARE MANUFACTURED IN OTHER COUNTRIES THAN US. END TEXT RUSH

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